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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
FROM : Chief, Vienna Bureau
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report - Austria Bureau - October 1986

I. GENERAL

VLAN usage at the bureau took another step forward on 21 October when the landline transmission of Paris AFP in English covered here was added to the network. Reaction among communications operators, who were often required to break off one item to punch a high-precedence AFP item, has been high, with one commenting that "this is great!" VLAN-produced wordage came to a record 30 percent of the bureau's total wordage during the month, a rise of almost 10 percent over September. In another development, it was demonstrated that a VLAN system "crash" could be successfully handled by local personnel and the system restored to full operability without Headquarters help. This occurred on 31 October-1 November, when the hard disk drive on the bureau's outgoing materials file server (Wien) developed a fault, requiring that the problem be diagnosed, the disk drive replaced, and system software restored, all of which was handled by the VLAN System Administrator.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitor/Editorial

1. Advertising in Israel for Hungarian Monitor candidates was carried out at month's end. Thus far, the bureau has received over 30 applicants for the one position that may become available at the bureau at the end of the year. We are now in the process of screening the applications for the testing phase of the recruitment program. A German monitor candidate has been selected to replace [redacted] who is retiring in mid-December to look after her child and a new arrival expected soon.

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2. Bureau publishable wordage filed during the month set a new record, 815,430, beating the previous high achieved in April 1986, which was 804,540.

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3. Events of unusual interest covered in whole or in part by the bureau include Zhivkov's failure to appear in public for 4 weeks (13 October to 9 November) and Jaruzelski's and Honecker's visits to the PRC, North Korea, and Mongolia. The Reykjavik summit, Bob Woodward's 3 October WASHINGTON POST article on "disinformation" against Libya, and the World Peace Congress in Copenhagen also contributed to our copy. In Poland we covered the accountability-election conferences (at one of which Jaruzelski made a long speech), a Sejm session to which a draft of the 5-year plan was submitted, and commentaries on the 1956 Poznan disturbances and Hungarian events. The latter topic generated even more discussion in Hungary, a good portion of which we processed, as well as a television series which we have been forwarding to headquarters and the BBC. In Romania the Warsaw Pact foreign ministers met, Shevardnadze and Libya's Doe paid visits, the Central Committee held a plenum, and the Grand National Assembly opened its session. In Yugoslavia the executive secretary of the LC in Novi Sad attacked Serbian nationalism in a speech which sparked a stormy discussion. In Austria the preparatory meetings for the CSCE were taking place, and Albania was preparing for the Ninth AWP Congress.

B. Communications

1. Forward progress on the bureau's 300-baud communications circuit came into question due to the requirements of the Regional Office of Communications (ROC) that its modems be used for the circuit. The bureau is now awaiting delivery of the required modems from Headquarters and a software upgrade at the [] so that its computers will be able to handle the new circuit. Eternally optimistic, we hope the embassy will lend us modems and we will be able to activate the new line in mid-November. On a positive note, the bureau was informed by the FBIS communications chief of its new router, which will be RUDKFV.

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2. Circuit outages on the existing State circuit continued to plague bureau operations. While circuit downtime decreased from 113 hours in September to 56 hours in October, a series of extended outages between 19 and 22 October resulted in a backlog of 405 items waiting in the queue [] for delivery to the bureau. The impact was that much of the bureau's press selection from those countries with shared coverage with London Bureau had to be made in the dark, resulting in some duplication of filing. With more or less normal operations restored on this circuit on 23 October; help TCU, which received some of our traffic to eliminate the large backlog [] and direct filing to the bureau by LD via the VCVC link, the queue [] had been reduced to a normal 25-30 items by close of business on the 24th.

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III. ADMINISTRATIVE

A. Personnel

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1. Promotions were received during the month by Yugoslav monitor [] and Albanian monitor [] both having completed their training.

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2. [] had a good month. Aside from the above-mentioned promotion, his wife [] gave birth to their first child, []

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IV. VISITS

To the bureau: Chief of Operations [] paid a management inspection visit to the bureau 8-13 October; Allan Baird of the BBC Monitoring Service News Room received an orientation briefing of the bureau on 14 October while in Vienna on private travel.

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Chief, Austrian Bureau

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cc: Chief, FBIS London Bureau

Attachments:

Production Report
Staff Personnel Report
Non-Staff Personnel Report

Austrian Bureau Production Report for October 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	815,430
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	22,990
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,808

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	12,275 min.	15,015 min.	322.91 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

ALBANIA

Tirana Domestic Service in Albanian	2,210		
Tirana ATA in English		15,210	
Tirana BASHKIMI in Albanian			200
Tirana DRITA in Albanian			0
Tirana PUNA in Albanian			0
Tirana RRUGA E PARTISE in Albanian			0
Tirana ZERI I POPULLIT in Albanian			6,920
Tirana ZERI I RINISE in Albanian			0

AUSTRIA

Vienna Domestic Service in German	3,940		
Vienna ORF TELETEXT in German	990		
Vienna Television Service in German	3,020		
Vienna ARBEITER ZEITUNG in German			1,310
Vienna BASTA in German			0
Vienna DIE PRESSE in German			5,020
Vienna FALTER in German			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Vienna KURIER in German			2,720
Vienna NEUE KRONEN ZEITUNG in German			700
Vienna PROFIL in German			2,070
Vienna VOLKSSTIMME in German			7,010
Vienna WIENER ZEITUNG in German			4,450
 BULGARIA			
Sofia Domestic Service in Bulgarian	10,630		
Sofia BTA in English		33,230	
Sofia ANTENI in Bulgarian			0
Sofia LITERATUREN FRONT in Bulgarian			0
Sofia NARODNA ARMIYA in Bulgarian			6,630
Sofia NARODNA MLADZHZH in Bulgarian			0
Sofia NOVO VREME in Bulgarian			0
Sofia OTECHESTVEN FRONT in Bulgarian			9,270
Sofia POGLED in Bulgarian			0
Sofia RABOTNICHESKO DELO in Bulgarian			42,430
Sofia TRUD in Bulgarian			5,600
Sofia ZEMEDEL'SKO ZNAME in Bulgarian			3,770
 CHINA			
Beijing International Service in Albanian	0		
Beijing International Service in Serbo-Croatian	0		
 CZECHOSLOVAKIA			
Prague Television Service in Czech and Slovak	920		
Prague LIDOVA DEMOKRACIE in Czech			0

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Prague MLADA FRONTA in Czech			0
Prague NOVA MYSL in Czech			5,290
Prague PRACE in Czech			3,250
Prague RUDE PRAVO in Czech			60,580
Prague TRIBUNA in Czech			3,000
Prague VECERNI PRAHA in Czech			0
Prague ZEMEDELSKE NOVINY in Czech			0
Bratislava PRAVDA in Slovak			42,040
Bratislava ROLNICKE NOVINY in Slovak			0
Bratislava SMENA in Slovak			990
Bratislava VECERNIK in Slovak			500
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		63,860	
GDR			
East Berlin BERLINER ZEITUNG in German			1,260
East Berlin DER MORGEN in German			620
East Berlin EINHEIT in German			1,070
East Berlin HORIZONT in German			1,120
East Berlin NATIONAL ZEITUNG in German			150
East Berlin NEUE ZEIT in German			1,100
East Berlin NEUES DEUTSCHLAND in German			54,910
HUNGARY			
Budapest Television Service in Hungarian		0	
Budapest MAGYAR HIRLAP in Hungarian			9,850

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Budapest MAGYAR NEMZET in Hungarian			5,020
Budapest MAGYARORSZAG in Hungarian			0
Budapest NEPSZABADSAG in Hungarian			36,610
Budapest NEPSZAVA in Hungarian			1,380
Budapest PARTELET in Hungarian			0
Budapest TARSADALMI SZEMLE in Hungarian			0
ITALY			
Rome ANSA in English		0	
POLAND			
Paris ZNAKI CZASU in Polish			0
Warsaw KULTURA in Polish			700
Warsaw NOWE DROGI in Polish			0
Warsaw POLITYKA in Polish			5,290
Warsaw PRZEGLAD KATOLICKI in Polish			2,440
Warsaw RZECZPOSPOLITA in Polish			22,850
Warsaw RZECZYWISTOC in Polish			790
Warsaw SLOWO POWSZECHNE in Polish			4,180
Warsaw SZTANDAR MLODYCH in Polish			1,960
Warsaw TRYBUNA LUDU in Polish			68,410
Warsaw ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI in Polish			6,590
Warsaw ZYCIE PARTII in Polish			2,090
Warsaw ZYCIE WARSZAWY in Polish			7,290
Krakow TYGODNIK POWSZECHNY in Polish			3,910
ROMANIA			
Bucharest Domestic Service in Romanian			12,970

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Bucharest AGERPRES in English		220	
Bucharest AGERPRES in French		43,100	
Bucharest ERA SOCIALISTA in Romanian			1,210
Bucharest LUMEA in Romanian			1,210
Bucharest ROMANIA LIBERA in Romanian			0
Bucharest SCINTEIA in Romanian			26,870
USSR			
Moscow in Albanian to Albania	0		
Moscow in Bulgarian to Bulgaria	0		
Moscow in Macedonian to Yugoslavia	0		
Moscow in Romanian to Romania	70		
Moscow in Slovene to Yugoslavia	0		
Moscow ISTORIYA SSSR in Russian			0
Moscow KOMMUNIST VOORUZHENNYKH SIL in Russian			0
Moscow KOMMUNIST in Russian			44,870
Moscow MEZHDUNARODNAYA ZHIZN in Russian			19,510
Moscow MIROVAYA EKONOMIKA I MEZHDUNARODNYYE OTNOSHENIYA in Russian			5,270
Moscow MOSKOVSKAYA PRAVDA in Russian			0
Moscow OBSHCHESTVENNYYE NAUKI in Russian			0
Moscow PARTIYNAYA ZHIZN in Russian			3,450
Moscow PLANOVOYE KHOZYAYSTVO in Russian			0
Moscow POLITICHESKOYE SAMOOBRAZOVANIYE in Russian			0
Moscow PROBLEMY DALNEGO VOSTOKA in Russian			7,160
Moscow PROBLEMY MIRA I SOTSIALIZMA in Russian			0

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Moscow RABOCHIY KLAS I SOVREMENNY MIR in Russian			0
Moscow SOTSIOLOGICHESKIYE ISSLEDOVANIYA in Russian			0
Moscow SSHA: EKONOMIKA, POLITIKA, IDEOLOGIYA in Russian			0
Moscow VOPROSY EKONOMIKI in Russian			6,830
Moscow VOPROSY FILOSOFII in Russian			0
Moscow VOPROSY ISTORII KPSS in Russian			0
Moscow VOPROSY ISTORII in Russian			0
Moscow VOYENNO-ISTORICHESKIY ZHURNAL in Russian			0
Moscow ZHURNALIST in Russian			0
Kiev PRAVDA UKRAINY in Russian			18,730
Kiev RADYANSKA UKRAINA in Ukrainian			2,520
YUGOSLAVIA			
Belgrade Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian	10,480		
Pristina Domestic Service in Albanian	60		
Pristina Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian	0		
Belgrade Television Service in Serbo-Croatian	0		
Belgrade TANJUG DOMESTIC SERVICE in Serbo-Croatian		0	
Belgrade TANJUG in English		0	
Belgrade BORBA in Serbo-Croatian			12,140
Belgrade KOMUNIST in Serbo-Croatian			0
Belgrade NARODNA ARMIJA in Serbo-Croatian			1,630
Belgrade NIN in Serbo-Croatian			0
Belgrade POLITIKA in Serbo-Croatian			6,660

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Belgrade SOCIALIZAM in Serbo-Croatian			0
Ljubljana DELO in Slovene			0
Novi Sad DNEVNIK in Serbo-Croatian			0
Pristina RILINDJA in Albanian			3,120
Sarajevo OSLOBODJENJE in Serbo-Croatian			0
Skopje NOVA MAKEDONIJA in Macedonian			0
Titograd POBJEDA in Serbo-Croatian			0
Zagreb DANAS in Serbo-Croatian			0
Zagreb VJESNIK in Serbo-Croatian			0